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Gentlemen:

This letter is a summary of the objectives that we need to accomplish to carry out the ideas discussed at the Whitesburg meeting. Professor Shockley, John Joe McCaughan and I had a three-way conversation a couple of days after the meeting, and at that time Dr. Shockley reported to us of the discussions that he had had with both Harry Caudill and Travis Osborne about the objectives to be carried out as a result of the meeting.

Two projects are to be undertaken, one a pilot project and the other a solitication to HEW for funds for a larger project. The pilot project is to consist of the utilization of the testing van from Dr. Osborne to interview and test a limited number of people representative of a group of a couple of generations of mountaineers with apparent low intelligence to determine if dysgenics is taking place or, more accurately, to see if the intelligence level from one generation to the other is being transmitted at about the same low IQ rate. That is to say, to try to demonstrate whether there is any increase in intelligence from one generation to the other back to the mean, or whether the brain drain is such that the inherited intelligence remains as low with the offspring as it was in the parents.

It is estimated that this pilot project will take \$7,500 to \$10,000. Dr. Shockley has contacted his foundation source that has sponsored

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his Stanford project. He has received an encouraging response that most of the money needed for the pilot project may be forthcoming from this source. The balance of the money can probably be raised by the efforts of Dr. McCaughan at about \$2,000, and we would like to hope that Robert Graham can raise \$1,000, if needed.

In order to insure a better reception by the foundation considering the grant for the pilot project, Professor Shockley would like to have from each participant at the Whitesburg meeting something along the following line. Professor Shockley suggested a brief one-page resume of the meeting by each individual as his own independently arrived at version including a biographical sketch of the member's background and reason for interest in the project.

Professor Shockley tells me that Harry Caudill and Travis Osborne have agreed to try to get together a format for the pilot project outlining what the project intends to accomplish and some detail as to how it is to be carried out to accomplish the objective.

It is Professor Shockley's thought that this pilot project may add considerable weight to the request of HEW for funds for a larger project by demonstrating the feasibility of such research. It is Professor Shockley's idea that application for HEW funds be prepared contemporaneously with the preparation for and getting underway of the pilot project so that the HEW application can be processed through channels at a fairly early date, allowing for the lengthy delay in the consideration of money grant projects by HEW.

I don't recall specifically, but I believe Reg Orem was to participate in the work on the application to HEW including some personal contact that he might be able to make with someone at HEW.

Maybe the sterilization plan will be an outgrowth of the pilot program and can be implemented at some point after the pilot program has been completed and evaluated.

As I remember Harry Caudill repeated several times his grave concern that welfare programs in Appalachia which were intended to rehabilitate the people into more productive members of society were not going to be fruitful because of the brain drain having left much of the population of low intelligence incapable of assuming their role as productive members of society. If extensive research confirms that observation, then there should be drastic revisions in the projects for welfare and rehabilitation now being carried out by the governmental agencies in Appalachia as well as further consideratic

to Dr. Shockley's proposal of sterilization on a voluntary basis for money.

I repeat what Dr. Shockley mentioned to me about the one-page letter. "If I had the joint proposal of Caudill and Osborne outlining the pilot project, it would be very useful to have something on the order of a one-page letter from everybody who was at the Whitesburg meeting saying something about themselves and why they thought this was an important thing to get done."

Very truly yours,

KIRKPATRICK & LUCAS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "Kirkpatrick & Lucas", written in dark ink.

JWK:nk